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Markham, Helen

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TO: Mr. Joseph Ball
Mr. David W. Belin

FROM: Burt W. Griffin

RE: Helen Markham - Commission Document 105, page 354.

Is there any significance in the fact that Helen Markham, 328E9th Street, Dallas, Texas, who witnessed the killing of Officer Tippit by Lee Harvey Oswald, has known Jack Ruby for the past two years or more? Ruby is a customer at the Eat Well Cafe where Miss Markham is employed as a waitress.

Mr. Roland C. Carpenter independently reported to the FBI that when he was discussing the assassination of President Kennedy and the possible association of Oswald and Ruby with Jimmie Gurfalos, manager of the Eat Well Restaurant, Gurfalos declined to continue conversation on this undisclosed point because, according to Carpenter, Gurfalos stated he did not wish to get involved. (Commission Doc. 7, page 499) Of course, when the FBI interviewed Mr. Gurfalos and his brother, no significant information was developed.

Does the connection between Markham and Ruby suggest any reason for Oswald's being at the corner of 10th and Patton when he shot Tippit? Does Miss Markham's explanation of why she was at 10th and Patton give any clue as to why Oswald might also have been there?

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